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SAYED AL BARQI AS BOYCOTT OFFICE COMMISSIONER

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1. SAUDI BOYCOTT DIRECTOR AHRAR KHOJA EXPRESSED APPRE-
HENSION ABOUT THE SELECTION OF AL-BARQI AND
THE WAY IT WAS CARRIED OUT. HE FELT LEAGUE MEMBERS
SHOULD HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON MAHJOUB'S
SUCCESSOR AND THE FACT THAT THEY DID NOT SUGGESTED
THAT THE CBO WOULD NOT MOVE TOWARD THE MORE OPEN PRO-
CEDURES THAT KHOJA DESIRED. THE DIRECTOR SAID HE DID

NOT THINK BARQI HAD THE PERSONAL STATURE FOR THE POSITION AND CONSIDERED HIM JAHJOUB'S MAN. HE SUSPECTED THAT MAHJOUB HAD DESIGNATED AL BARQI AS HIS SUCCESSOR AND HAD PICKED HIM AS A MAN WHO WOULD CONTINUE HIS OPERATING STYLE.

2. NEVERTHELESS KHOJA FELT THAT AL BARQI WAS AT THIS TIME BEHOLDEN TO SECRETARY GENERAL RIAD FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AND THAT RIAD, WHO IS SYMPATHETIC WITH EFFORTS TO DEBLACKLIST U.S. FIRMS, MIGHT BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE BARQI. KHOJA ASKED THAT THE U.S. APPROACH RIAD ON THE SUBJECT.

3. KHOJA'S POSITION IS BASED ON HIS CONCEPT OF ARAB PSYCHOLOGY: THAT NO LEAGUE MEMBERS WILL STICK OUT ITS NECK UNLESS IT HAS ASSURANCES THAT THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE IN AGREEMENT. THE TREND OF THE CBO TO TAKE VOTES BY MAIL WORKS AGAINST CHANGE AND FLEXIBILITY BECAUSE A GOVERNMENT MUST COMMIT ITSELF IN WRITING BEFORE IT IS SURE IT IS WITH THE CONSENSUS. IN EFFECT THE PROCEDURE DETERMINES THE SUBSTANCE. KHOJA FEELS THAT CONFERENCES ARE THE ONLY FORMAT THAT WILL ASSURE REASONABLE AND FLEXIBLE BOYCOTT POLICY AND ALLOW SAUDI TO EXERT ITS INFLUENCE. KHOJA SAID THAT MAHJOUB HAD PRIVATELY TOLD HIM THAT COCA COLA, RCA AND FORD WOULD ALL BE REMOVED FROM THE BLACKLIST AT AN OPEN SESSION. COMMENT: KHOJA SEEMS TO BE ASKING THE U.S. TO

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HELP HIM CONVENE A BOYCOTT CONFERENCE. REPORTING OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR U.S. TO OFFER ADVICE ON INTERNAL ARAB LEAGUE PROCEDURES BUT PROMISED TO PASS MESSAGE.

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